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The Vine



Principal's Report

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit
and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.*

*As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.*

*Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.*

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

*We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Grief Workshop

Tonight, commencing at 5:30pm, our school Chaplain Laurissa Knowles will be hosting a workshop designed to help have conversations with children and teenagers about death and suicide and how to deal with grief. This workshop is open to all adult community members and will be held in our school library. Drinks and nibbles are available on arrival.

Before School Drop Off

Our school day commences at 8:40am with the classrooms open from 8:30am. Unfortunately, we are having some children arriving as early as 7:50am. A reminder to families to please try as best as possible to have students arrive at school no earlier than 8:20am to ensure they remain appropriately supervised.

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Kindy Enrolments For 2022

I am currently taking enrolments for Kindy for 2022. Places are beginning to fill and as we are limited in places, I would hate to have families miss out. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 4 by 30 June 2021, please either contact the office for an enrolment form or visit our website to download the forms and return them to the school.

3 Year Old Kindergarten Program

We are looking at offering a second day for our 3 Year Old Kindergarten program, to operate on a Friday. If you, or someone you know would be interested in attending this day, please contact the office.

We are also accepting enrolments for our 3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten program for both this year and next year. Children may start this program for a full day on a Thursday as soon as they turn 3.

I wish all families a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Parish Masses

St Thomas More Catholic Church - Margaret River

- Saturday - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church - Augusta

- Sunday - 8.00am



Absentees



A reminder to parents that there is a simple way to let us know your child is absent from school, while providing a note at the same time. Jump on our app or website!

There is an easy online form that can be completed and it is directly emailed to the school. Too easy! Either download our school app – **Connected** (password is **Wisdom6285**) or visit our website <https://stmcp.wa.edu.au/> and go to the Communication tab to select Online Absentee.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS - MONDAYS FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM



Please email your Order Forms through to rita.willmott@cewa.edu.au

with details of your order and credit card.

Forms can be downloaded off the school's website.

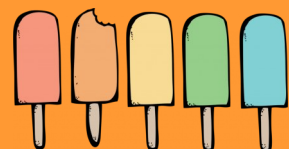
Uniforms will go home with your children on **Mondays**.

Thank you!

Rita Willmott

The School Canteen is open on
Fridays at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.

All items are \$1.00



Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Sunday, our Year 6 candidates for Confirmation will be participating in a commitment ceremony at the 10.00am mass. We offer our prayerful support of all involved in preparing the young people for this major step in their faith journey as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep the students, their families and those preparing them in your prayers.

Nature Playground

At our P&F meeting on Tuesday evening, the P&F agreed to provide funds towards the cost of developing our new nature playground. They have also pledged the income from this year's fete towards the improvement of the nature playground, which will provide extra play options for our students.

We will need some help with donations, machinery, and busy bee labour. If any families or community members can help with donations, please contact the school with a description of what they have to offer.

Sacrament of Confirmation student retreat

Our Year 6 students will be involved in a retreat next Thursday 17 June at Lumen Christi Catholic Church in Augusta with Mr Thomas McDonald, Mrs Laurissa Knowles and myself. During this time, they will enjoy guided walking meditation, art and craft activities, and journaling reflection. They will enjoy a shared lunch of fish and chips and we will conclude our celebration with a prayer service. We are looking forward to a spirit-filled time together.

St Thomas More Feast Day

Our **St Thomas More Feast Day** on **Friday 25 June** will begin with a Whole School Mass led by Year 5 in the church at 9.00am. We wish to extend an invitation to all families to join us for this Mass. Following Mass, all students will be involved in a range of fun activities together. They will receive a sausage sizzle for lunch and an icy pole and we thank the P&F for organising this. The day will conclude with a staff vs Year 6 students netball game on the hardcourt.

CatholicCare

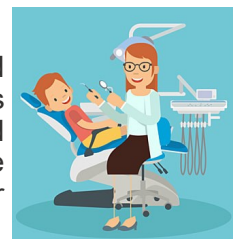
Our Social Justice committee is inviting all students to dress in their favourite sport team clothing and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for CatholicCare on **Friday 25 June**. The money raised will make a big difference to those in our Diocese who need our help.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Mrs Nicolle Achmad
Assistant Principal

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre will be open between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm for Monday 5th July and Tuesday 6th July for the July School Holidays. Rapids Landing DTC will be closed from Wednesday 7th July through to Friday the 16th July and will be open on Monday 19th July at 8.00am. In an event of an emergency during the clinic closure please contact your local family dentist or call mobile 0409 935 793 for emergency advice.



Tribute Tree Project



The Tribute Tree is a Djarra outside the Margaret River Library into which a quirky letterbox is nestled. This is for all members of our community to write or draw messages to our natural world, encouraging connectedness and appreciation of the beauty around us. Free workshops are being run for kids to arouse their curiosity, hone their awareness and facilitate their ability to care.

Thought of the Week



Congratulations!



School Merit Award Winners
Term 2
Week 7

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| Year 2 | Jimmy Campbell |
| Year 3 | Leo Metcalfe |
| Year 6 | Anthony Achmad |

Friday 11th June

8.45am Merit Assembly

Sunday 13th June

10.00am Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment Mass

Tuesday 15th June

11.00am Reconciliation - Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 16th June

Year 1 Class Liturgy

Thursday 17th June

Year 6 Retreat

Friday 18th June

8.45am Pre-Primary Assembly

Important Dates

Tickets: bit.ly/margseq



EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MASTERCLASS FOR PARENTS + TEACHERS

MARGARET RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE
6:45 PM

MON 14TH JUN
(AVAILABLE NOW)

A 2-hour HIGH IMPACT program to support children
to be emotionally free!

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